GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ARTIFICIAL SCARCITY OF LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that oil companies are creating artificial scarcity of LPG and trying to increase the prices; and

(b) if so, the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) & (b): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have reported that at present, there is no overall shortage of LPG in the country, and LPG supplies to distributors are being made by the OMCs through indigenous production and imports in accordance with the requirement of customers registered with the LPG distributors. However, OMCs had reported occasional backlog in certain States/Union Territories due to natural calamities such as floods, road breaches, collapse of bridge and stoppage of work by various sections of employees, transporters and contract labourers, hartals etc. The Government has advised OMCs to liquidate the backlog in the States/UTs by operating the bottling plants on holidays & by extending hours of working.